

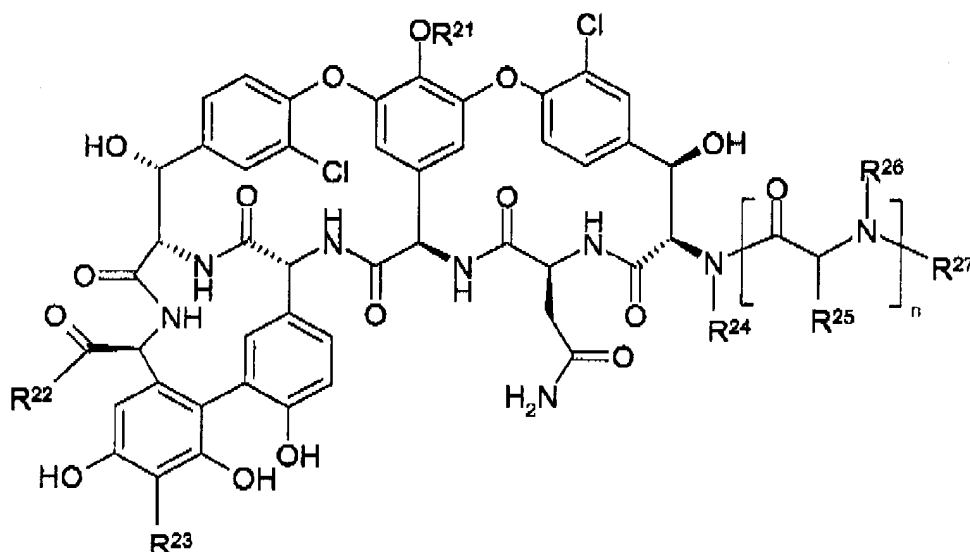
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I. Status of the Claims

The claims are reiterated for the Examiner's convenience. Claims 1-71 have been cancelled. Claims 72-81 are pending for examination.

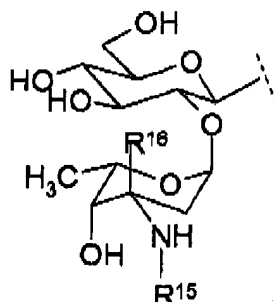
1-71 (cancelled)

72. (Previously presented) A compound of formula II:



wherein

R^{21} is a group of the formula:



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R^{15} is $-R^a-Y-R^b-(Z)_x$;

R^{16} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{22} is $-OH$;

R^{23} is hydrogen;

R^{24} is hydrogen;

R^{25} is isobutyl;

R^{26} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{27} is hydrogen or $-CH_2COOH$;

R^a is $-CH_2CH_2-$, $-CH_2CH_2CH_2-$ or $-CH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2-$;

R^b is alkylene having from 8 to 12 carbon atoms;

Y is $-NH-$;

Z is hydrogen

n is 1;

x is 1;

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, stereoisomers and prodrugs thereof.

73. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{16} is methyl.

74. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{26} is methyl.

75. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^{27} is hydrogen.

76. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^a is $-CH_2CH_2-$.

77. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an *n*-octyl, *n*-nonyl, *n*-decyl, *n*-undecyl or *n*-dodecyl group.

78. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R^b and Z form an *n*-decyl group.

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79. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 72, wherein R¹⁵ is
-CH₂CH₂-NH-(CH₂)₁₀-H.

80. (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of
any of Claims 72-79 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

81. (Previously presented) A method of inhibiting the growth of bacteria in a mammal
infected with or exposed to bacteria, the method comprising administering to the mammal a
composition according to Claim 80 for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit growth of
bacteria.